(a) whether the report from the Jute Commissioner has since been received; and

(b) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nationalisation of an industry is the last resort for reactivating sick units. The Government's role is primarily to monitor and coordinate measures for the revival of the sick units coupled with assistance from the banking and financial institutions which are primarily responsible to take remedial measures inclusive of financial and managerial restructuring of the units.

House Rent Allowance for Staff of Central Government undertakings

1495. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Central Government Undertakings are paying House Rent Allowances @30 per cent in Delhi and Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not paying House Rent Allowance at the same rate to the staff working in Calcutta, Madras and other A Class cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As Delhi and Bombay are considered more expensive compared to other 'A' class cities as regards housing, HRA at 30 per cent has been permitted to be paid by the Public Enterprises as against 25 per cent in other 'A' class cities.

Criteria laid down for transfer of ITOs and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax

1496. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

SHRI KAILASHPATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down by Government for transfers of ITOs (Group-A) and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax in the I. T. Department, from one Charge to another;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a number of cases the above criteria have not allowed strictly in Delhi Charge while transfering recently the ITOs (Group-A) and the Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax of Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the number of ITOs (Group-A) and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax whose stay in Delhi is more than the stipulated period as mentioned in (a) above; and

(d) what are the reasons for not transferring them out of Delhi Charge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) The criteria for transfer of Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers (Group-A) from one charge to another is broadly as follows:—

(i) An Assistant Commissioner who has stayed in a particular charge for 8 years including the period as Income tax Officer (Group-A) will be liable for transfer to another charge in a state other than the state where he is presently posted.

(ii) A promotee Income-tax Officer would normally be liable to transfer to another charge after he has rendered 5 years regular service as Income-tax Officer (Group-A) in a particular charge and the directly recruited Income tax Officer (Group-A) will be shifted to another charge after 6 years' stay in a charge.

(iii) If an officer is working or has worked on deputation at the same station, he period spent on deputation will not be taken into account for the purpose of counting his stay at a particular station.

(iv) As far as possible no Income-tax Officer will be transferred to another charge during the last 3 years of his service and Assistant Commis-